GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PILLARS ON INDO BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many pillars at Indo-Bangladesh Border in the District of Murshidabad and Nadia in West Bengal have been demolished due to Ganga-Padma Land Erosion (Bhangan);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to construct new pillars at those places;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the said purpose; and

(e) the time by which the construction work of new pillars is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(b) Yes. Out of a total of 268 pillar positions covering Bagge Sheet No. 1-18 in the Murshidabad sector of Indo-Bangladesh border, 57 pillars have been found missing/demolished due to Ganga-Padma erosion in the last field season.

(c)-(e) Yes. In the 157th and 158th Boundary Conference between India and Bangladesh for West Bengal sector held at Dhaka in August 2006 and at Kolkata in November 2006, it was decided that the missing/demolished boundary pillars in Bagge Sheet No. 1-16 numbering 52 would be constructed under the responsibility of India, for which an amount of Rs. 5,85,688.00 has been allocated to the Government of West Bengal. Rest of the missing pillars in Bagge Sheet no. 17-18 numbering 5 would be constructed under the responsibility of Bangladesh. The construction work of missing/demolished pillars in this sector is likely to be completed by May 2007.